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PRO-GOVERNMENT FORCES IN LA PAZ; LACK OF STUDENT ACTIVITY IN LA PAZ; RETURN OF FELMAN VELARDE AND GENERAL LEYTON FROM COCHABAMBAEO 12958
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1. THE FOLLOWING FORCES ARE AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT IN LA PAZ:

- A. 1200 PROFESSIONAL MILITIAMEN OCCUPYING STRATEGIC POINTS IN THE CITY AND THE ROAD TO THE AIRPORT. THEY ARE ARMED WITH OLD MAUSERS, LIGHT AND HEAVY MACHINE GUNS AND MORTARS.
- B. 3000 POLICE WITH 927 CARBINES IN THEIR POSSESSION, PLUS OLD MAUSERS AND A FEW HEAVY MACHINE GUNS.
- C. 1600 WORKERS MILITIA ARMED WITH OLD MAUSERS.
- D. 450 TRAFFIC POLICE ARMED WITH OLD AND NEW MAUSERS.
- E. THE WALDO BALLIVIAN REGIMENT OF 900 ARMED WITH GARANDS.

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F. THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTED THAT IT WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY
2000 ARMED CAMPESINOS IN LA PAZ BY THE MORNING OF 4 NOVEMBER.

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2. CALM PREVAILS AMONG THE STUDENTS. ALL IS QUIET AT THE
UNIVERSITY. THERE IS NO STUDENT ORGANIZATION CAPABLE OF STARTING OR
BEGINING ANY DISTURBANCE AT THIS TIME.

3. JOSE VELMAN VELARDE, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT VICTOR
PAZ ESTENSSORO, AND GENERAL RENE LEYTON, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS,
HAVE RETURNED FROM THEIR TALKS IN COCHABAMBA WITH VICE PRESIDENT RENE
BARRIENTOS ORTUNO, AND ARE NOW ON THEIR WAY TO THE NATIONAL PALACE TO
REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT.

4. TWO MOTORIZED REGIMENTS IN ORURO HAVE REVOLTED THE GOVERNMENT
AND HAVE JOINED THE BARRIENTOS FORCES.

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